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Dear Howard,

Between getting tired planting trees in shale, meaning pick-and-shovel work, plus hauling in topsoil to replace it, plus carrying bucket after bucket of water to set the earth in the hole, on top of having had no exercise for so long, this will be brief, before retiring. And, we went to Ann's for supper. Typically, I ate too much.

I now have a real mother lode on JFK policy material. It duplicates what I had and mislaid and adds much to it. You can have access to it under the same conditions. It can't be mailed because it is single-copy stuff. And expensive. Stacks of whole pages of the NYTimes (at $1.00 each), copies of less accessible papers, like Honolulu, frequent references to FBIS reports, etc.

It more than confirms some of the things I told you. Even dates are right. The statement ending the JFK changes was to the day a month after the assassination. The preliminary, misplayed LBJ statement was the day after Oswald was killed, on the front page with it. There were earlier statements on the withdrawals, indefinite one, but definitely setting planned policy, much earlier than that.

Statements from the brass, much on the local finks, much on Laos assassinations and that part.

It is really good stuff and can save you hours of work. I have it on indefinite loan, with permission to copy and with permission for you to have access, meaning copy also.

In fact, it went into so many things, I had to not hold some. Too voluminous and too peripheral. Once the papers have been laid out, with a few references to the later literary efforts at self-justification, the change and the problems are much clearer than I indicated to you.

Dick is coming down, but I do not know when. If it is at a time you can, perhaps he can pick you up.

Sleepily,